AGSU Executive Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 30, 2014

AP 318, Time: 3:30 pm

**Called meeting to order: 3:32 PM**

Members present:

* Steven Dorland
* Nav Nahal
* Christina Lefebvre
* Becky Goodwin
* Courtney Hopper
* Niamh Curran
* Mitchell Ma
* Gillian Cook
* Sarah O’Sullivan
* Sarah Williams
* Michael O’Rourke
* Stephen Berquist
* Fan Zhang
* Co-Presidents
  + Course union head grant
* Discrepancy in total amount of money in account – there was more money in the account than was reported
* Computers
  + Updates? (Password issues, ink levels, etc.)
* No reports yet that ink is low
* Computers have been fixed and equipped with Microsoft Word, Adobe
* Get a new printer that is more efficient (i.e. laser printer)
* Get rid of photocopier
* Communications
  + Updates or ideas for website, department newsletter contributions, etc.
  + Members need to send information to Becky so she is able to put it on the website
* Website is currently updated
* New website will be ready by December – Will be using Squarespace instead of WordPress
* Cost of Squarespace is $100/year
* Can export what is on WordPress onto Squarespace
* Details for new website: will include a more organized drop bar menu to make it easier to find information, will include forms (i.e. reimbursement form), information about the computer room and grad lounge, will include an event calendar and news page
* Becky needs exec photos for website – will take a group exec photo at Winter Wine and Cheese
* Email will be sent to the department so they can send pictures from their fieldwork that can be uploaded onto the website
* Integrate website with Facebook page
* Will start bringing cameras to events to post pictures on the website and Facebook page
* Social Coordinators
  + Coffee breaks
* Waiting to hear back from Maria at UTM if Tuesday, November 4 still works.
* Bring baked goods to the coffee breaks
  + Wine and Cheese
* Wine and Cheese – Friday, December 12
* Sent in a request to book venue, waiting to hear back for confirmation (Issue with University College not responding)
* Possibility of charging for drinks – prices TBD
  + Other?
* A student from the department emailed an exec on the AGSU and raised the issue of whether the AGSU will join in the boycott of Israeli academic institutions
* Request has also been made to department Chair to participate in the boycott
* If AGSU chooses to participate, it will help *facilitate* the boycott (i.e. Set up online voting and allow members to make their own decisions, rather than a collective decision made by the AGSU)
* Will have this student write up a document and attach a separate petition form that will give students the option to sign if they want
* Not sure how this would affect students who have applied for scholarship at Hebrew University
* Additional information is still required
* Treasurer
  + Updates?
* Need new treasurer – announce at Winter Wine and Cheese
* Need to prepare a document that outlines information about money discrepancies
* Medusa Coordinators
  + Medusa Lecture updates?
* Theme: Meaning and Value
* Working on funding letter – draft in progress, will be done by next week
* GSU Rep
  + Updates
* Not receiving GSU Digest
* GSU is not a functional group – it is dealing with internal conflicts between the execs, lawsuits – to what extent does this affect students?
* CUPE Reps
  + Updates
* Expired collective bargain
* University is not negotiating over percentages of increasing wages, health benefits. University will not provide extra money, but rather, will redistribute money. In total, 49 million dollars have been allocated for all benefits and wages.
* CUPE – There is a possibility of a strike vote, which is a vote to show support for the *potential* to strike. This will act as a bargaining chip during negotiations with the university. Then, there will be another vote to decide whether there will actually be a strike.
* Members of the anthropology department support students in this matter, and are flexible with rearranging TA hours
* Next CUPE meeting – Tuesday, November 11. In the week following, the potential strike vote will be held
* If there is a strike, TA’s do not go to class, respond to emails, or mark any assignments/labs/tests
* Vis-à-vis
  + Updates
* Make the journal open access instead of peer-reviewed, as this creates a backlog
* Other Business
* Petition Mexican Massacre of students

**Meeting adjourned: 4:33 pm**